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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 7, 2006
TO: Board Members
FROM: Henry Jennings
SUBJECT: Planning Session Priorities Update

Following the Board's 2006 Annual Planning Session, Board members voted to prioritize discretionary tasks. The 2006 priorities are outlined below (voting score in parentheses – low score is a high priority) together with a brief description of any progress to date (*in italics*). In addition to the tasks discussed below, we have also been working on draft language to explicitly prohibit unauthorized application of pesticides. The staff is seeking additional input on where to focus its efforts next.

1. Work on aerial application issues (17)

Proposal for developing two separate committees presented to the Board at 9/15/06 meeting.

2. Evaluate further restrictions on organophosphates (28)
3. Develop waiver mechanism for registry fee (31)

Draft language developed for 9/15/06 meeting.

4. Consider development of buffer zones for protection of water quality (35)
5. Require a commercial license to apply pesticides in food handling establishments (37)

Department of Agriculture has submitted a bill title. Final language needs to be negotiated. See attached memo and email from Richard Groton.

6. Develop indoor registry (40)
7. Evaluate discrepancy on rules regulating storage by pesticide distributors (45)
8. Change statute to allow use of pesticides to control rodents other than rats and mice (47)

Department of Agriculture has submitted a bill title. See same attached memo. Issue of which vertebrates to propose exempting needs to be discussed.

9. Repeal the deposit on RUP containers (48)
10. Modify Chapter 28 to require provision of MSDSs when requested (57)

